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# At the Court at WHITEHALL

The Nineteenth of December 1684.

Present

The Kings Most Excellent Majesty,

*Lord Keeper*  
*Lord President*  
*Lord Privy Seal*  
*Duke of Beaufort*  
*Earl of Huntingdon*  
*Earl of Bridgwater*  
*Earl of Peterborow*

*Earl of Sunderland*  
*Earl of Clarendon*  
*Earl of Bathe*  
*Earl of Craven*  
*Earl of Middleton*  
*Lord Viscount Falconberg*  
*Lord Dartmouth*

*Lord Godolphin*  
*Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer*  
*Mr. Chancellor of the Duchy*  
*Lord Chief Justice Jeffreys*  
*Sir Leoline Jenkins.*



IS Majesty minding to secure all His Loving Subjects in Travelling and going about their Lawful Occasions, is this day in Council pleased to Order ; And it is hereby Ordered, That all his Majesties Officers of Justice, and other His Loving Subjects, do use their utmost Diligence and Endeavour, for the Apprehending all Robbers or Highway-men, to the end they may be proceeded against according to Law : And for the Encouragement of such as shall Apprehend any such Offender or Offenders, It is further Ordered by His Majesty that such Person or Persons who shall at any time from the Day of the Date hereof, till the 19th of December, which shall be in the Year of our Lord 1685, and after that Day till His Majesty shall please to Recall this Order, either by

Proclamation or His Order in Council, Apprehend any Robber or Highway-man, and Cause him to be brought into Custody, shall within fifteen days after his Conviction have a Reward of Ten pounds for every such Offender so Apprehended and Convicted. And all and every Sheriffs and Sheriff of the respective Counties and Sheriffwicks where such Conviction shall be had, are, and is hereby required upon the Certificate of the Judge, or two or more Justices of the Peace, before whom such Person or Persons shall be Convicted of such Apprehension and Conviction, to Pay unto the Person or Persons who shall Apprehend such Offender or Offenders the Reward aforesaid, within the time aforesaid, for each and every Offender so Apprehended and Convicted as aforesaid, out of His Majesties Moneys received by such Sheriff or Sheriffs in that County, where such Conviction shall be, which shall be allowed unto him or them upon his or their Accounts in the Exchequer. And the Right Honourable the Lords Commissioners of His Majesties Treasury, are hereby Authorized and Impowred to give sufficient Warrants to the Officers and others concerned in the Exchequer, to give Allowance thereof accordingly. And it is also further Ordered, That all Lieutenants, Deputy-Lieutenants, Justices of the Peace, Mayors, Sheriffs, Bailiffs, and other Officers and Persons whatsoever do take notice hereof, and give due Obedience accordingly, and also be Aiding and Assisting in all things tending to the Execution hereof, as they tender His Majesties Displeasure, and upon pain of being proceeded against as Contemners of His Majesties Royal Authority.

FRANCIS GWYN.